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SUBJ: GODLEY APPOINTMENT

REF: A. ADDIS ABABA 0003, B. STATE 1445

1. AT CLOSE OF CALL ON MOFA DIRECTOR AMERICAN DIVISON
BERHANE DERESSA JAN 18 ON OTHER MATTERS, BERHANE TENTATIVELY
INQUIRED WHETHER I AWARE OF STATE OF PLAY ON GODLEY APPOINT-
MENT. I REPLIED THAT I THOUGHT SO AND THAT WE WERE
AWAITING A NOTE FROM MOFA WITHDRAWING PREVIOUS AGREEMENT. HE
NODDED, BUT THEN TOLD ME HE HAD RAISED MATTER, WHICH HE
REFERRED TO AS DELICATE, WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. WHEN I ASKED
WHETHER HE HAD ANY KIND OF MESSAGE FOR ME, HE SAID HE WANTED
TO TALK TO FONMIN KIFLE ABOUT IT, AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH.

2. MORNING JAN 24, IN RESPONSE MY INQUIRY, BERHANE SAID HE
THOUGHT IT BEST IF MEETING WITH KIFLE COULD BE ARRANGED TO
DISCUSS SUBJECT AND SAID HE WOULD TRY TO FIX UP
SOMETHING.

3. NOT SURE WHAT WILL COME OF BERHANE'S INITIATIVE, AND
FACT HE RAISED MATTER WITH ME AT ALL "WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS"
SHOULD BE PROTECTED. I ASSUME, HOWEVER, HIS INITIATIVE,
HOWEVER TENTATIVE, WAS PROBABLY RESULT OF MEKBIB'S

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REPORTING (PARA 1, REF B), AND REPRESENTED FEELER TO
SEE WHAT I KNEW, PROBABLY FOR KIFLE'S BENEFIT. NONETHELESS,
IN EVENT MEETING IS ARRANGED, I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING
ANY THOUGHTS DEPT WANTS ME TO CONVEY ASAP. DEPT MAY
ALSO WISH CONSIDER HAVING ME NOW RAISE SUBJECT MYSELF
IF I HEAR NOTHING MORE ABOUT A MEETING IN NEXT FEW DAYS.
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